

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Town of Brownfield
October 26, 2010

Selectmen Present: Carol Brooks, Erik Walker & Cindy Willets

Others Present: Wanda Bartlett, Frank & Alvina Day, Richard Perreault, Linda Pestilli and Ron Smith (RHR Smith & Associates)

Selectmen met at approximately 5:30 to review warrants and sign minutes. Business portion of meeting opened at 6:00 P.M.

Chief Perreault reported that last Thursday he attended another meeting where discussion centered on the upgrade to narrow banding. It appears that the mandated change will take place next summer or fall. A grant will be applied for to purchase the 3 new mobiles, 17 pagers and 6 portables needed for the Fire Department. A warrant article will be written for next town meeting if more funding is needed. Dickie attended a Tri-County Disaster Firefighter Training at the Sacopee Valley Middle School in Hiram to keep compliant in order to be able to apply for and receive any Homeland Security Grants. Fire Departments from York, Oxford and Cumberland Counties were in attendance.

Final paving and shoulder work has been done by Pike. There is approximately \$5,400 left in the paving account. Winter sand is being put up this week. A culvert on Hampshire Road has holes but erosion in the bank around it is the problem. A subcontractor will need to be hired to repair this. Frank mentioned that his brother died last night so he will be gone Friday and Saturday to attend services out of state.

The Town's Auditor, Ron Smith, was in attendance to go over the audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. Ron reported that the audit went well and that Brownfield is above average financially compared to other Oxford County towns. The Selectmen and Department Heads were given credit for working hard to keep budgets down which helps to maintain a steady mil rate. Auditors like to see a minimum of 30 days worth of an operating budget in the general fund which, for Brownfield, would be approximately \$220,000. In this day and age, 60-90 days is more desirable and Brownfield currently has 90 days worth in the general fund. Ron did state, however, that a plan should be in place to add funds to the Capital Improvement accounts regularly especially as new buildings and equipment start to depreciate.

An addendum to the listing agreement for land on Riverbend Road was given to the Selectmen for their signature. The Selectmen also signed the GA Ordinances for 2010-2011. Since Brownfield has a vacancy on the Saco River Corridor Commission, it was mentioned that Mardi Freeman might be interested. Julie will contact her. Erik made a motion that was seconded by Carol to adjourn at 6:45 P.M. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Watkins
Town Administrator